

A man of incredible courage and personal fortitude, Mr. Thayer is a true hero. He served our Nation through tremendous strife, yet he remains humble, gracious, and incredibly sharp.

It was an honor to meet Mr. Thayer, along with his coauthor, Allan Foote, this past weekend and present him with this well-deserved recognition. His life of courage and commitment to our Nation is unparalleled. It would have been easy for him to give up in the face of evil, but Mr. Thayer and the men of the 30th Infantry never gave up. They were fiercely dedicated to changing the course of the war, and they worked fearlessly to ensure that America and freedom would prevail.

It is truly an honor to share Mr. Thayer's unique story in this historic Chamber today. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to spend time with Mr. Thayer and hear his firsthand account of his experiences as a critical player in this major event of human history.

At age 95, nearly 96, he is the last survivor of this venerable group of heroes. We will remember him, and we thank him for his great service.

I highly recommend this wonderful book by this great veteran of World War II.

REPUBLICANS PLAN FOR REAL AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEHLS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, as the American economy struggles to recover from COVID, the last thing we need is more wasteful spending on liberal priorities.

Inflation is higher than it has ever been in over a decade, and businesses are struggling to get workers back to work because of the lavish handouts from our Federal Government.

What our country needs is a pure investment in American infrastructure, one that would put people back to work and increase mobility for Americans; new roads, bridges, and pipelines built by Americans for Americans.

Unfortunately, the Democrats have yet again decided to play politics with America's future. Rather than investing heavily in new roads, pipelines, and bridges, Democrats are using their infrastructure bill as a means to push radical left ideas on energy, leaving out oil and gas workers while funding goes toward achieving the Green New Deal.

House Republicans have introduced our version of real American infrastructure. It is \$460 billion versus the Democrats' \$1 trillion plan. It includes investment in roads, bridges, and transit, water infrastructure, and broadband. It will help put Americans back to work and build a brighter future for America.

That is what real American infrastructure is about, not pushing far-left policies to appease the base. If the Democrats ever get serious about

wanting to build out America's infrastructure, Republicans are ready to work with them.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SÁNCHEZ) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, You who have been revealed in Scriptures, proclaimed through countless testimonies, and made known through innumerable and profound displays of Your steadfast love, how humbling it is to realize that You, O God, have called each one of us to this time and to this place to have a role to play in the revelation of Your gracious plan for all of creation.

When we are called to account for this hope we find in You, may we not be found wanting, but may we be prepared and willing to give answer.

When we are confronted by the counter-narratives of cynicism and bitterness, may our words provide witness to Your truth.

When we are convinced of our self-sufficiency only to discover our inadequacy, may You be merciful to us.

And when we stray from the calling to which You have called us, call us back that we may once again respond to Your grace and follow You.

Today may our words be as if they were Your own and our service be fortified with the strength that You alone provide, that You would be glorified in the living of our lives.

It is in Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BROWNLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BROWNLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATION-BUILDING HERE AT HOME

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Innovation Centers Acceleration Act, introduced by my friend and colleague, JOE MORELLE.

This bill creates an \$80 billion national competition that could direct new resources for communities like Rochester, Buffalo, and western New York to foster innovation and create new jobs and opportunities.

I am also a cosponsor of the Endless Frontiers Act, a version which passed the Senate with the support of our Senators, that would create similar opportunities and competition.

For too long, Congress has lacked the vision to nation-build here at home. Now we can enact a plan to compete with China and foster new opportunity and growth.

Groups like the Northland Workforce Training Center, the M&T Bank's technology hub, and the Thomas Beecher Innovation Center are leading the way in creating tech ecosystems in my region.

Enacting this bill could help propel these entities to achieve their full potential for the benefit of the entire community that could last for generations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PROTECTING THE HYDE AMENDMENT

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, one of the most sacred American values is the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The right to life is not to be forsaken, and today we see Democrats reject the science of life and the fact that life begins at conception.

One of the longstanding acts of bipartisanship is the Hyde amendment, with one of its most vocal supporters being then-Senator Joe Biden. Since first enacted in 1976, it has saved over 2.4 million innocent lives.

Americans who hold their pro-life convictions should not be forced to front the bill for abortion services and violate their belief that life is worthy of protecting.

President Biden's recent budget proposal excludes this lifesaving amendment after 40 years of being included. This should not be controversial.